

“Picnic For 5000”

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A cynic once said - "Put your hand in a bucket of water. Now pull it out. The hole that's left is all that people will remember about you after you're gone."

Mark 6:34 (NIV)

³⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So He began teaching them many things.

Jesus wants me to _____.

Mark 6:35-37 (NIV)

³⁵By this time it was late in the day, so His disciples came to Him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. ³⁶Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷But He answered, "You give them something to eat."

"Tact is the ability to make people feel at home when you wish that they were!"

Going to church and being the church are not the same thing.

"Compassion is the sometimes fatal capacity for feeling what it's like to live inside somebody else's skin. It is the knowledge that there can never really be any peace and joy for me until there is peace and joy finally for you too."

Frederick Buechner

Matthew 25:35-45

"How you treat other people reflects what you really believe about God."

Our church sign

He didn't want to just teach people about God and get them into Heaven. He wanted to meet their needs now, and that's the kind of passion He wants His followers to have, too. Being a Christ-follower means following Him in His desire to meet the practical needs of people

Jesus wants me to _____.

Mark 6:37-38 (NIV)

They said to Him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸"How many loaves do you have?" He asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five - and two fish."

Ephesians 3:20

Don't tell yourself you don't have what it takes, tell yourself God can take whatever you have and do more with it than you can imagine.

Mark 6:39-44 (NIV)

³⁹Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to His disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Jesus wants me to let God _____.

"The miracle took place in His hands - not theirs; for whatever we give to Him He can bless and multiply. We are not manufacturers, we are distributors."

Warren Wiersbe

"We think that status and title will influence people; but Jesus thought loaves and fishes would."